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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US98/21556  
filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims (which are annexed to the  
International Preliminary Examination Report) as indicated below:

1.(AMENDED) Apparatus for decoding packetized program information from a first source to provide data content of a program, comprising:

means for identifying [(22,60)] ancillary information in said packetized program information, said ancillary information including information describing a multimedia object associated with an image in said packetized program information, said multimedia object description information comprising,

(a) a location indicator [(610)] identifying a location of a multimedia object for use in acquiring said multimedia object, and

(b) a type indicator [(605)] identifying a multimedia object type for use in decoding said multimedia object; and

means for acquiring and decoding [(22, 30, 60)] said multimedia object using said multimedia object description information; and

means for formatting [(30, 37, 60)] said multimedia object for display.